

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmembers Present**

Thomas Wheeler, President  
Dan Mandolesi, Vice President  
Nick Lodise 7:45  
Mayor Debbie Mahon  
Doug Harris  
Judy Coleman  
Mallory Menta

**Staff in Attendance**

Solicitor Robert DeBias  
Treasurer Diane McKairnes  
Water & Sewer Sherri Wheeler  
Water & Sewer Kurt Ludwig  
Water & Sewer Pat Slater

**Councilmembers Absent:** Doug Edge and Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council

**Staff Absent:** Zoning Officer Debra Juno, Police Chief Bob Juno, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski and Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

**Guests in Attendance:** Michael Licata, John Baron, Ira Romberger, Ridger Hedman  
Mike Boorman, Ron Robbins, Bill McTigue, Neil Harner, and Nick Toth

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the minutes of August 6 and 21 2018; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

**Public Comment:**

- Mr. Romberger mentioned there is an ash tree laying on the wires on Bellevue Ave. He said this needs some attention before the next storm hits or there may be damage to wires and possibly more.
- Mr. Licata emailed a letter concerning the parking on Reetz Ave. He mentioned some issues the residents are having due to not being able to park on either side of Reetz Ave. There are three residents who are having this issue. These residents thought there was an gentlemen's agreement by Joe Cimino to give two spaces per resident to park in his business complex parking area. Some of the residents have a need for parking in front of their homes. This issue will be postponed to the November meeting. Mr. Debias will review the documents.
- Mr. Harner introduced himself as a new business owner in Johnson Hall. He moved his company, Inverse Paradox LLC, to Hulmeville on Friday. He said he is very excited to

be a part of this community. He will be having an open house during the flea market from 9-5.

- Ms. Wheeler said the front sidewalk looks great.
- Ms. Slater said she dropped off the Water and Sewer information ending August 31, 2018. She is ready to start a new year.
- Mr. Wheeler discussed the First Net AT&T federal program for first responders and council which provides a discount cell phone rate. There are three levels first level is for elected officials and employees the second level for fire, EMS, and police and the third Level for mayors, road crew and water & sewer. If there is an emergency the system will never be shut down. Mr. Wheeler wants to know if anyone is interested. The borough would pay the bill and the person who wants the service would pay the borough back. You must have an iPhone or better and all phones must be paid out right. There is no commitment. Mayor Mahon asked for ok to get this program for the police department. Mayor Mahon also wants to know if anyone is interested and to please check their phone bill to see if you will have savings with this plan. Mr. Harris asked if there will be a penalty for not paying the bill, was told we have to create a policy. Ms. Menta asked if we could have a walkie talkie system. Mayor Mahon asked for approval for the police department to get this system. Mr. Wheeler said this was developed so the EMS and police can talk to each other during emergencies. Ms. Coleman, Mr. Mandolesi, and Mr. Harris said they were not interested in participating in the program. Mr. Lodise said he is going to look in to it. Mr. Wheeler asked if someone wants this program will the borough allow it. Mr. Harris said there needs to be some parameters.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Ms. Menta to proceed with the First Net Program; Motion passed with 5-1-0**

- Mr. Wheeler received a letter from Republic regarding the recycling. China Sword is not taking all recycle items. If any of the trucks are turned away we will be fined. Mr. Debias is going to look at our current contract and check if they can to this. Mr. Debias mentioned an article about recycling in neighboring where the costs of collecting and recycling charges have increased by 400. In years passed we would get money for recycling and now we have to pay for recycling.
- Mr. Licata asked to repeat the recycling situation that our recycling goes to China.

**Zoning:** Mr. Mandolesi emailed council the zoning report for the month. Ms. Juno had checked the properties of the Quonset hut to verify removal of Rick's Tree Service illegal sign and the sign was removed. The Old Colonial Inn tree debris was cleaned out behind the Inn. Four Water Street property was cut and maintained. Ms. Juno sent emails to Peter Morgan for clarification required for revisions to building plans for 8 Water Street, Dorothy Omietanski 333 Main St fence requirements; Trenton Roofing 907 Walnut Ave. roof permit requirements; John Bullene 6 McCarthy Ave. fence requirements and Chris Sibre 830 Bellevue status of inspections on driveway expansion. It was unknown that there is no inspection process of additional impervious surfaces. Permit review for 8 Water St revision and approval of building plans, submitted payments and packet to Dorothy for completion and forward to BUI.

- Mr. Hedman asked if the Borough sends permits to Doylestown and inquired of the county's reassessing properties. Mr. Wheeler said that everything is sent to Doylestown and the county is not reassessing.

### **Police Report:**

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of August 2018: 16 Incidents, 27 Traffic, 0 Parking, 1 Accidents, 7 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 10 District Court, 0 County Court, 1 EMS, for total hours worked: 233, Total Salary \$5,487.15.
- Crosswalks were painted by police and street signs were replaced which cost \$1000.00 extra this month in pay.
- Flea Market- There will be 2 or 3 officers on duty for the flea market. Penndel is adding an extra officer for the event as well.
- No RDA proposals at this time.
- Policy Updates – Mayor Mahon asked for council to adopt the Internal Affairs Policy for the police Department.

### **Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to adopt the Internal Affairs Policy for the Police Department; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

- Additional policies to come are part time police and also employee harassment. Mr. Harris asked how many policies will there be?
- Mayor asked to purchase a 2 inch binder for policies

### **Motion made by Ms. Menta and seconded by Ms. Coleman to order a \$9.99 cable for police phone; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0**

- Ms. Coleman asked about body cameras for the police. Mayor Mahon said that it will be done next year through the RDA
- Mr. Wheeler said that a resident complained about the speeding on Main St. He said the State did a study between 10:30-11:30 am. The average speed was 42 mph. The State suggested we change the speed to 35 mph and put more speed limit signs on the street. Mr. Wheeler sent the results of the survey to the resident.
- Mr. Hedman asked if there is going to be signs at the crosswalks. Officer Baran said he will check on the legalities of this request.
- Mayor Mahon wants everyone to get back to her at the work session about the policies.

### **Jr Council Member: no report**

### **Water and Sewer:**

- Mr. Ludwig handed out the new budget for 2018-2019
- New water meters continue to be installed.
- A lot of rain causes water in the sewer system. We are reducing the inflow of water to the system, so we are leaving the rates as is, with the repairs everything will even out.

- Getting ready to send out bids for the repairs to the system where the inflow of water is coming into the sewer system. We are still investigating where the water is coming in.
- We will be talking about a shut off policy at the next work session on September 17.
- The DEP has accepted the revised 537 Plans.

#### **MS4:**

- Fall Newsletter –needs updates from the committees.
- Database – Mayor Mahon is still looking for a thorough way to get updated business names and contact information.

#### **TMDL / BMP's:** Permit years 2018-2022

- The July 2, 2018 letter from Pickering, Corts and Summerson state we must implement Pollution Control Measures to Pathogens and Priority Organic Compounds. There are 7 requirements stated. The committee will discuss these requirements at the August 23rd meeting. Ask for RETTEW's proposal to help with some of the requirements. Their bid is for \$5410.00.
- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
  - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season
  - Sump Pump inspection enforcement
  - Decide on sediment reduction project-hold until 9-28-1028 meeting

#### **Floodplain:**

- For all residents in and out of floodplain, contact information is being added to the newsletter to assist residents and business owners on proposed practices and procedures during weather events.
- Old Colonial Inn has cleared trees in the floodplain/open space behind their establishment. Zoning officer is working on the violation as this is not yet cleared up.
- The Water Street FIRM concerns have not yet been answered. FEMA forwarded Mayor Mahon's questions to PEMA for answers through the hazard mitigation grants.

#### **Storm Water:**

- New Residents – Update any new residents that have moved into Hulmeville as storm water affects us all and not just those that live in floodplain.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Ms. Coleman to spend \$5410.00 for RETTEW's proposal; Motion pass with all in favor 5-0-0**

**Motion made by Ms. Menta and seconded by Mr. Harris to sign MS4 report and send a check for \$500.00; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0**

**Borough Property:**

- Mr. Mandolesi asked Mr. Boone about the trimming of the soccer field. Boones needs to cut the vegetation back more from the field. The woods are taking over were the grass should be. Mr. Lodise was given the snow removal bids that have come in. Mrs. Slater said there is a large pile of road salt at the end of Washington Ave. Also the ground around the soccer field is over grown.
- Playground – The Eagle Scout that did the playground project had \$451.43 left over and is returning the amount to the Borough. Mr. Mandolesi suggested we give some to the troop and split the rest between the Borough and Historical Society Mr. Mandolesi said the Scout did an outstanding job. Mrs. Mahon suggested giving more to the troop.
- Mr. Romberger suggested a Boy Scout spring project to clean-up on Bellevue Ave.

**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mrs. Menta to split the \$451.43 three ways, Borough, Boy Scout Troop and the Historical Society; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0**

- Mr. Harris asked if the grass cutting is still under contract. Mr. DeBias told him yes and bids go out in November.

**Lights:**

- Mr. Mandolesi informed the council that Armor did not submit the order to their supplies for the LED lights, but said they would be in soon.

**Streets:** no report

**Personnel:** no report

**Finance:**

- Budget – Ms. Coleman emailed everyone the proposed budget. She asked to please review it so it can be discussed at the work session. She said an estimate for the EIT was \$140,000.00. Council should think about purchasing life insurance for the officers, laptop for Secretary, cameras for the Borough Hall, and looking to outsource the payroll. Ms. Menta asked who we were looking at for payroll. Mr. Harris is looking into it. Ms. Coleman will contact everyone for another budget meeting. Mr. Mandolesi said there should be a 25% decrease in the budget for the street lights.

**Trash:** no report

**Solicitor Report:**

- Mr. DeBias reported there are 3 RDA grant proposals.
- 1. Sponsor Peace Valley Holistic Center for new roof repair and interior repairs.

**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to sponsor the Peace Valley Holistic Center for \$50,000.00 for a new roof and for interior repairs; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0**

2. Sponsor William Penn Fire Company for new Radios

**Motion made by Ms. Menta and seconded by Mr. Harris to sponsor the William Penn fire Company for \$47055.00 for new radios; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0**

3. To allow the Borough to apply for storm water grate repair at Pennsylvania Ave. and Main St.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to apply for a RDA grant to repair the storm water grate at Pennsylvania Ave. and Main St for \$82,000; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0**

- Ms. Coleman asked about a RDA grant for the guard rail on Green St. Mr. DeBias suggested we wait until next year. He also suggested we get our grant ideas in ahead of time instead of waiting until the last minute.
- Mr. DeBias asked if we received a request from TAG to sponsor an RDA Grant for them. Mrs. McKairnes reported no.
- Highway Aid- A reminder paper was handed out to council on what is covered by the Highway Aid.
- Ms. Coleman asked if the no parking signs on Reetz Ave. was so the tractor trailers are able to make the turns. Mr. Wheeler replied yes and also the emergency vehicles.

**Fire Marshal:** no report

**The meeting was suspended at 9:30 pm for executive session.**

**Mayor:**

- Mayor Mahon report we received a letter from Pickering, Corts and Summerson that as of January 1 2019 they will no longer have municipalities as customers, Mario is retiring.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of September 10, 2018 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of August 1, 2018: \$ 227,282.61  
Expenses Totaled: \$ - 43,741.16

	Income Totaled:	\$ 61,439.28
	General Fund Checking Balance as August 31, 2018:	\$ 244,980.73
•	<b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of August 1, 2018:	\$ 52,091.60
	Expenses Totaled:	\$ -31,750.23
	Income Totaled:	\$ 9,624.90
	Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of August 31, 2018:	\$ 29,966.27
•	<b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of July 1, 2018:	\$ 402,300.07
	Interest	\$ 1,186.85
	Deposit	\$ 0
	Expense	\$ 0
	Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2018:	\$ 403,486.92
•	<b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of July 1, 2018:	\$ 46,448.38
	Interest	\$ 138.62
	Deposit	\$ 0
	Expenses	\$ - 542.91
	Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2018:	\$ 46,042.09
•	<b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of July 1, 2018:	\$ 66,767.15
	Interest	\$ 196.97
	Deposits	\$ 0
	Expenses Total:	\$ 0
	General Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2018:	\$ 66,964.12

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated September 10, 2018 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public.

•	<b>General Fund</b> beginning balance as of August 27, 2018:	\$ 253,553.88
	ending balance as of September 28, 2018:	\$ 228,406.01
•	<b>Sewer &amp; Water</b> beginning balance as of August 31, 2018:	\$ 32,445.20
	ending balance as of September 10, 2018:	\$ 9,942.97
•	<b>Highway Aid</b> beginning balance as of September 1, 2018:	\$ 45,831.25
	ending balance as of September 10, 2018:	\$ 45,814.01

**A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated September 10, 2018; motion carries 6-0-0.**

**Correspondence:**

- Resident parking on Reetz Ave. from Michael Licata.
- Invitation to a Blue Mass at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Penndel on September 16, 2018.

**Old Business:**

- Mr. Licata just wanted to make sure the parking on Reetz Ave. issue will be discussed at the November 5th meeting. Mr. Wheeler said yes
- Mr. Toth asked about speed limit signs.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm; motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Lodise; carried 6-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane McKairnes,  
Hulmeville Borough Treasurer